

Amendments to the Claims:

The pending claim are shown below without further amendment.

1-29 (Cancelled)

30. (Previously presented) A fluorescent particle, comprising:
a first compound selected from the group consisting of silicon phthalocyanine
bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilyl oxide) and silicon phthalocyanine bis(trihexylsilyl oxide); and
a second compound that is a bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilyl oxide)-substituted or
bis(trihexylsilyl oxide)-substituted phthalocyanine, naphthalocyanine, or anthranylocyanine
derivative, or a bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilyl oxide)-substituted or bis(trihexylsilyl oxide)-
substituted hybrid phthalocyanine derivative,

wherein the size of said fluorescent particle is between 0.1 nm and 5000 nm, and wherein said
first compound differs in structure from said second compound.

31. (Previously presented) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said particle
is a latex particle.

32. (Previously presented) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said particle
is a silica particle.

33. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound
and said second compound are each bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilyl oxide)-substituted compounds.

34. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound
is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilyl oxide), and said second compound is silicon
2,3-naphthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilyl oxide).

35. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound
is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilyl oxide), and said second compound is silicon
phthalocyanine bis(trihexylsilyl oxide).

36. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound
is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilyl oxide), and said second compound is silicon

[di(1,6-diphenyl-2,3-naphthalocyanine)] (2,3-naphthalocyanine) (2,3-tert-butylphthalocyanine) bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide).

37. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide), and said second compound is silicon [di(1,6-diphenyl-2,3-naphthalocyanine)] [di(2,3-tert-butylphthalocyanine)] bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide).

38. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide), and said second compound is silicon [di(2,3-naphthalocyanine)] [di(1,4-diphenylphthalocyanine)] bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide).

39. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide), and said second compound is silicon [di(1,6-diphenyl-2,3-naphthalocyanine)] diphthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide).

40. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide), and said second compound is silicon [di(1,6-diphenyl-2,3-naphthalocyanine)] [di(2,3-dicyanophthalocyanine)] bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide).

41. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide), and said second compound is silicon 2,3-naphthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide).

42. (Previously presented) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said first compound is silicon phthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide), and said second compound is silicon [di(1,6-diphenylnaphthalocyanine)] diphthalocyanine bis(dimethylhexylvinylsilylooxide).

43. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said particle further comprises an antibody.

44. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 30, wherein said particle further comprises a nucleic acid.

45. (Cancelled herein).

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46. (Withdrawn) A fluorescent particle according to claim 37, wherein the size of said particle is between 1 nm and 1000 nm.